



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

March 7, 2006

D.T.E. 03-115-A/D.T.E. 04-108-A

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for approval of its Electric Reconciliation Mechanism and Transition Charge Reconciliation Filing, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a), 220 C.M.R. § 11.03 (4)(e), and D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-115/98-120.

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I. INTRODUCTION

On November 26, 2003, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company (“Fitchburg” or “Company”) filed its 2003 reconciliation filing for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”). Included in this filing is a reconciliation of the Company’s 2003 transition, transmission, standard offer service, and default service costs and revenues, and proposed updated charges and tariffs to be effective for consumption on and after January 1, 2004. In addition, on December 11, 2003, Fitchburg filed a proposed adjustment to its standard offer service fuel adjustment factor (“SOSFA”). The Department docketed the filing as D.T.E. 03-115.

On December 8, 2003, the Department requested comments on Fitchburg’s filing. On December 29, 2003, the Department allowed the Companies’ tariffs to take effect on January 1, 2004, subject to further investigation and reconciliation. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 03-115 (2003).

On November 23, 2004, Fitchburg submitted its 2004 reconciliation filing for approval by the Department. Included in this filing is a reconciliation of the Company’s 2004 transition, transmission, standard offer service, and default service costs and revenues, and proposed updated charges and tariffs to be effective for consumption on and after January 1, 2005. In addition, Fitchburg filed a proposed adjustment to its SOSFA. The Department docketed the filing as D.T.E. 04-108.

On December 7, 2004, the Department requested comments on Fitchburg’s filing. On December 29, 2004, the Department allowed the Company’s tariffs to take effect on January 1,

2005, subject to further investigation and reconciliation. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 04-108 (2004).¹ On August 18, 2005, at a public hearing held pursuant to notice duly issued, the Department consolidated the D.T.E. 03-115 and D.T.E. 04-108 dockets (Tr. at 2). The Attorney General intervened as a matter of right in both dockets. G.L.c. 12, § 11E.

On November 24, 2004, the Company filed several revised pages to its November 26, 2003 filing. On December 2, 2004, the Company filed several revised pages to its November 23, 2004 filing. The Company responded to three Department information requests.² No party commented on the Company's proposed treatment of its costs and revenues.

II. ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

The Department finds that the cost reconciliations filed by the Company for 2003 and 2004, including the revised SOSFA, are in compliance with G.L. c. 164, § 1B(b), the Company's restructuring plan approved by the Department in D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-115/98-120,

¹ The Company's last reconciliation filing and SOSFA were approved subject to further investigation in Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 02-84 (2003). The Department completed its review of the Company's 2002 filing in D.T.E. 02-84-A (2005).

² On its own motion, the Department moves Fitchburg's responses to Department information requests into the record in this proceeding.

and Department precedent.³ Therefore, the cost reconciliations filed by the Company on 2003 and 2004, including the revised SOSFA, are approved.

III. ORDER

Accordingly, after due notice and consideration, it is therefore

ORDERED: That the proposed transition, transmission, standard offer, and default service costs and revenues submitted by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for 2003 and 2004 are approved; and it is

³ Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, 99-110 (1999); Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 01-103-A (2002); Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 02-84-A (2005).

FURTHER ORDERED: That Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company comply with any and all other directives contained in this Order.

By Order of the Department,

/s/

Judith F. Judson, Chairman

/s/

James Connelly, Commissioner

/s/

W. Robert Keating, Commissioner

/s/

Paul G. Afonso, Commissioner

/s/

Brian Paul Golden, Commissioner

An appeal as to matters of law from any final decision, order or ruling of the Commission may be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court by an aggrieved party in interest by the filing of a written petition praying that the Order of the Commission be modified or set aside in whole or in part.

Such petition for appeal shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission within twenty days after the date of service of the decision, order or ruling of the Commission, or within such further time as the Commission may allow upon request filed prior to the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of said decision, order or ruling. Within ten days after such petition has been filed, the appealing party shall enter the appeal in the Supreme Judicial Court sitting in Suffolk County by filing a copy thereof with the Clerk of said Court. G.L. c. 5, 25.